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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN ANNUAL
GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Philadelphia, Monday, December 27th, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852.

After the Installation of the Grand Officers, the Right Worshipful Grand Master delivered his Address.

Whereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the Address of the Right Worshipful Grand Master be published, and transmitted to all the members of the order in Pennsylvania.

[Extract from the minutes.]

WM. H. ADAMS,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At a Quarterly Grand Communication, held December 6th, 1852—A. L. 5852, in ample form, the following Brethren were elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz:—

Brother Anthony Bournonville, Rt. W. G. Master.

“ James Hutchinson, Rt. W. D. G. Master.

“ Peter Williamson, Rt. W. Sr. G. Warden.


“ John K. Mitchel, Rt. W. Jr. G. Warden.


“ John Thomson, Rt. W. G. Treasurer.


“ William H. Adams, Rt. W. G. Secretary.

TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

Brothers Samuel H. Perkins, William Whitney, Peter Williamson, Jacob Steiner and George D. Haswel.

 The R. W. Grand Master's address is “Anthony Bournonville, M. D., No. 59 North Fourth Street, second door above Branch.”

 The R. W. Grand Secretary's Address is “William H. Adams, Masonic Hall, South Third Street.”

 The R. W. Grand Treasurer's address is “John Thomson, N. E. corner of Front and Lombard Street.”

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ADDRESS

OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

GRAND MASTER.

*Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right
Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge :*

BRETHREN—

Your continued kindness and generous confidence have placed me for another masonic year in that high and responsible station whose honors and duties I was by your partiality called upon to assume on St. John's Day last. Whilst I return to you my most unfeigned thanks for again elevating me to this, the highest place in your gift, I cannot but again express the hope that the uniform forbearance which I have ever enjoyed at your hands during my entire masonic career, will be extended to me during the period I shall have the honor to preside over your deliberations. If a desire to be impartial at all times—to use the high power vested in the office of the Grand Master sparingly, and to blend honest differences of opinion into one common mind, have any claim to such forbearance, then indeed I am fully assured that it will not be wanting, as long as it shall be my steadfast aim to make these distinctive features my rules of word and action.

Both the usages of the craft, as well as the pro-

priety of rendering an account of an important and comprehensive stewardship, impose at this period the duty upon me to furnish you with a brief summary of the affairs of the Grand Lodge—of the state of the craft generally under her jurisdiction—and of such events as may prove interesting, coupling such statement with a few suggestions for your future consideration.

During the last year warrants have been granted to the following Lodges, viz :

No. 260, at Carlisle, Cumberland county.

261, at Providence, Luzerne county.

262, at Orrstown, Franklin county.

263, at Skinner's Eddy, Wyoming county.

264, at Columbus, Warren county.

265, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county.

266, at York, York, county.

267, at Belfonte, Centre county.

268, at Tremont, Schuylkill county.

The two last are just issued.

Industry Lodge, No. 131, in Philadelphia, has been revived.

The Warrants asked for at Strasburg, Lancaster co., Clarion, Clarion co. ; Susquehanna, Susquehanna co. ; and Canton, Bradford co., are still under consideration. The petition for a new Warrant at Easton has been abandoned, and the old Lodge held there is in a truly flourishing condition.

The applicants for the revival of Lodge No. 102, at Frankford, have failed to comply with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge.

As far as the increase of the number of Lodges during the past masonic year, and the financial

condition of the Grand Lodge would indicate, the craft under this jurisdiction is indeed in a prosperous condition; but other not less important matters that have of late years received little or no attention from the Grand Lodge, and are positively indispensable in maintaining a *truly lasting and healthful condition of Masonry* in Pennsylvania, have given me much concern, and induced me to take at least an initiatory step in a matter which calls loudly for speedy, prompt, and energetic action. The attention of the brethren of this Grand Lodge has several times been called to the following fact by a brother on this floor. Subjects although of much moment and interest to the Grand Lodge, but not directly connected with Masonic work and Masonry in general, have for several years claimed and well deserved the attention of the Grand Lodge, and during the last years its members were chiefly absorbed in a subject to which I shall hereafter more fully refer. Hence it was but natural that matters of Masonic import were not agitated, and some suggestions made on a former occasion remained unheeded from want of time to be devoted to their consideration.

Want of knowledge of the correct work of the craft has for years been complained of by the country lodges. The districts under the care of the District Deputy Grand Masters comprise frequently so much territory that their business will not permit them often to visit the Lodges under their charge, and in many cases they are even unable to visit them at all. Whilst the number of lodges and their members is constantly increasing, ignorance of the work simultaneously increases, and whilst our brethren in the interior are anxious to learn and properly to work, they have to steer without com-

pass or rudder on the great sea of chaos and confusion. To check to some extent the further growth of this crying evil until the Grand Lodge should see proper by energetic means entirely to eradicate it, I have availed myself of the offer of Brother Charles E. Blumenthall, Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 260, at Carlisle, to visit, without compensation for so doing, several country Lodges, and have authorised him (until the appointment of a regular Grand Lecturer) to deliver Masonic addresses and give instruction wherever it is required. So far the experiment has proved successful, and has been received by the country brethren with much satisfaction, which has in several instances been testified by a written vote of thanks to the Grand Master.

FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE, For 1852.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge has, during my administration improved, as will appear from the following—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, as per Report, on the 31st Dec.			
1851,	-	-	1,367 61
From Lodges, Chapters and Encampments,			
during the last year,	-	-	\$11,175 90
Dispensations, Certificates, &c.	-	-	1,190 11
New Warrants,	-	-	571 00
Chestnut Street Stores and Hall,	-	-	5,606 49
Third Street Hall,	-	-	202 50
Grand Chapter,	-	-	300 00
			<hr/> 19,046 61
Total,			<hr/> \$20,413 61

Brought over, - - - - - \$20,413 61

PAYMENTS.

Interest on Grand Lodge Debt, -	\$3,145 14
Paid to Treasurer of the Sinking Fund,	9,272 61
Expenses of Third Street Hall, including Taxes, Repairs, Printing, and all incidental expenses of Grand Lodge,	1,677 59
Salaries of Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Tyler, - -	1,640 00
Expenses of Chestnut St. Hall, Taxes and Incidental Expenses, - -	1,495 74
	<hr/> \$17,231 08 <hr/>
Leaving a Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1852, of - - - -	3,182 53

Out of the above balance will be drawn the Interest coming due on the first of January next.

THE SINKING FUND,

As per Report, amounted last year, to .	\$35,906 39
Invested this year for this fund, . . .	9,710 24
	<hr/> \$45,616 63 <hr/>
Showing an Increase this year of \$10,355.	

THE GIRARD BEQUEST

Continues to go on in the even tenor of its way, dispensing help and assistance to poor and respectable brethren, according to the will of our late brother Stephen Girard. The fund, according to the return from the proper source amounts to about . \$35,000 \$2000 have been appropriated by a vote of the

Grand Lodge to the use of the different committees of Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund, and they have faithfully performed their duty. During the last twelve months they have distributed, \$1,994 58 \$504 48 have been given to 36 applicants hailing from foreign jurisdictions.

\$1490 to 83 applicants, hailing under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Four of these brethren who used to receive relief from this Fund have departed life during the last year.

THE CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE.

\$250 have been distributed to 40 applicants, widows of deceased masons.

Said fund now amounts to \$6,000, with the properties at Chester and Germantown.

The fond hope expressed by me in my address to you on St. John's day last, that we may this day assemble in our old edifice, originally dedicated to Masonic purposes, or in a new and more spacious hall although not realized will, I trust, at no very distant day be carried out under more gratifying circumstances, as we shall then assemble in a temple worthy of the dignity and position of our honored brotherhood. Your action and deliberations on this subject, although coupled with honest differences of opinion, have been characterized by that brotherly regard and forbearance which should ever distinguish Masons; yet there remains much to be done to bring the contemplated

work to a close to the satisfaction and benefit of the craft. May wisdom and knowledge be your steadfast and faithful counsellors in the achievement of this work, as in any other that concerns the welfare of our fraternity, that we may proudly point at our temple as well as at our labors within and without, and that we may gain the good will of mankind and the blessing of the Great Architect on High.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then made the following appointments—viz :

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Bro. Jacob Albright, of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.

Bro. Jos. L. Stichter, of Reading, for the counties of Berks and Montgomery.

Bro. George H. M'Cabe, of Tamaqua, for the county of Schuylkill, in place of Bro. Wm. B. Potts, who resigned the former appointment in 1852.

Bro. James Madison Porter, of Easton, for the counties of Northampton and Carbon.

Bro. George C. Welker, of Sunbury, for the counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Montour.

Bro. John H. Berryhill, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Mifflin, Blair, and Huntingdon.

Bro. Wm. Smith, of Lockhaven, for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.

Bro. Samuel M'Kinley, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Westmoreland, Beaver and Lawrence.

Bro. John V. Smith, of Tunkhannock, for the counties of Bradford, Wyoming and Susquehanna.

Bro. R. A. Oakford, of Pittston, for the counties of Luzerne and Wayne.

Bro. George K. Bain, of Meadville, for the counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Warren.

Bro. J. B. Musser, of Washington, for the counties of Washington, Greene and Fayette.

Bro. William Heyser, of Chambersburg, for the counties of Franklin, Cumberland and York.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

For the City of Philadelphia.

Rev. Bro. John Chambers,

“ “ Peter Van Pelt,

“ “ John L. Burrows,

“ “ H. W. Ducachet,

“ “ E. S. Ely.

For other portions of the State.

Rev. Bro. George P. M'Elroy,

“ “ J. Killekelly,

“ “ M. P. Jamison,

“ “ R. Deshea Morris.

Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. Gustavus Remak.

Junior Grand Deacon—Bro. E. T. Mott.

Grand Stewards—Bros. Henry Bruner and Charles Bard Reess.

Grand Marshal—Bro. James B. Baggs.

Grand Sword Bearer—Bro. Jacob Steiner.

Grand Pursuivant—Bro. Thomas E. Baxter.

Grand Tyler—Bro. William B. Schnider.

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

Bros. William English, John Bradley, William Conrad, James Kelly and James W. Martien.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Bros. George Smith, Joseph S. Riley, George H. Oliver, William W. Thomson and Daniel Thompson.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Gustavus Remak, James B. Chandler and William H. Klapp.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Bros. James Page, William H. Adams and Robert Frazer.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE TRANSACTIONS OF LAST YEAR AND
SELECT FOR PUBLICATION.

Bros. William Clinton, Joshua Mitchel and John Miller.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Bros. Harman Baugh, Washington Heimberger and Robert M'Culloch.

COMMITTEE ON LAND-MARKS.

Bros. B Newcomb, Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel H. Perkins, William Barger and William Whitney.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

Brothers M. Cartwright, John Coates, Edmond Barrington, William E. Ewing, John Martin, Thomas Roney, Joseph Moore,

E. P. Lescure, Alfred P. Hesser, Jacob Steiner, Richard Vaux, John McCloud, John G. Sharp, John H. Casey, Abm. West, Townsend Smith, James Simpson, Gavin Watson, James Ferguson, M. Bouvier, John Reynolds, Wm. Leach, George Thomson and Thomas Graham.

Agreeably to the Resolutions passed at a Special Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 20th, 1852, in relation to the New Building proposed to be erected in Chestnut Street, the R. W. G. Master made the following appointments, to wit:

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Brother James Page, Lodge 126,
 “ James Hutchinson, Lodge 67,
 “ Francis Blackburn, Lodge 2,
 “ P. R. Engard, Lodge 52,
 “ William M. Swain, Lodge 91,
 “ George Smith, Lodge 186,
 “ William Carr, Lodge 245.

TRUSTEES OF NEW MASONIC LOAN TO ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRAND OFFICERS.

Brother Philip R. Howard, Lodge 51,
 “ David Jayne, Lodge 59,
 “ Thomas E. Baxter, Lodge 114,
 “ Frederick Lennig, Lodge 121,
 “ Jacob Steiner, Lodge 125.

[Extracts from the Minutes.]

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,
Grand Secretary.

STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

January 3d, 1853.—The Stewards met and the following organization took place:

President—Brother E. P. Lescure.

Treasurer—John Thomson.

Secretary—William H. Adams.

COMMITTEE NO. I.

Brothers Thomas Graham, Gavin Watson, Richard Vaux, John Martin, Jacob Steiner and Matthew Cartwright.

COMMITTEE NO. II.

Brothers Joseph Moore, William Leach, Abraham West, Thomas Roney, John M'Cloud and A. P. Hesser.

COMMITTEE NO. III.

Brothers James Simpson, George Thomson, John Reynolds, John G. Sharp and M. Bouvier.

COMMITTEE NO. IV.

Brothers Townsend Smith, John H. Casey, John Coates, James Ferguson, William E. Ewing and Edmond Barrington.

Extract from the minutes.

WM. H. ADAMS,
Secretary.

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